**Enforcement of Safety Norms for CNG Buses**

2047. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that no agency appears to be ready to enforce safety norms for CNG buses as notified by Government in last November;

(b) if so, the reasons for not appointing any agency responsible for enforcement of safety mechanism; and

(c) the fresh steps taken for strict enforcement of safety norms for CNG buses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Enforcement of the provisions of Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 are carried out by respective State Governments. The Registering Authority at the time of registering the CNG vehicles has to satisfy itself that the norms notified have been complied with in terms of Type Approval/ Conformity of Production by the authorized Testing Agencies.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) An Expert Group, which included vehicle manufacturers, Delhi Transport Corporation, Automotive Research Association of India and Association of State Road Transport Undertakings, has identified a checklist of items relating to safety related issues which would specifically need to be looked into by the registering authorities of the State Governments/UTs.